MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Thursday, May 17, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Clemente called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (9/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Melton and Huizenga (2/11)

Representative Hildenbrand moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 10, 2007. Hearing no objection, **the motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Garfield moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, the **Chair** excused **Representatives Melton** and **Huizenga**.

The Chair laid House Bills 4711, 4712 and 4713 before the committee.

HB 4711	Huizenga	Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; certain revisions; provide for.
HB 4712	Clemente	Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; certain revisions to brownfield tax increment finance act; provide for.
HB 4713	Espinoza	Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; certain revisions to brownfield tax increment finance act; provide for.

Chair Clemente explained the intent of the bills.

Melissa Trustman, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified in **support** of the bills. She also submitted written testimony.

James McBryde and **Peter Anastor**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Troy Cumings, representing the National Brownfields Association, testified in **support** of the bills.

Lynelle Marolf, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, answered questions regarding the bills.

Andy Schor, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified on the bills, indicating a **neutral** position at this time.

Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the **concept** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:44 a.m.**

Representative Ed Clemente, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk (517) 373-5632